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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: STARR KIDNAPPING

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1. MISSION TASK FORCE HAS REVIEWED SCENARIO AND GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL CONCERNING HANDLING OF INITIAL CONTACTS. WE PRESUME THAT ADVICE AND COMMENTS WHICH WE OFFERED EARLIER HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE WASHINGTON TASK FORCE IN THE FORMULATION OF THAT MESSAGE. WE ONLY WISH TO ADD AN OBSERVATION CONCERNING PARA FIVE: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR'S PHONE WILL BE TAPPED BY GOC AT TIME OF SUCH AN INDIRECT CONTACT SO WE FEEL THAT MESSAGE PICK UP WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE VERY QUICKLY TO HEAD OFF INTERCEPTION BY GOC AUTHORITIES. WE FEEL THEREFORE WE SHOULD HAVE AUTHORIZATION FOR PCD TO MAKE SUCH A PICK UP IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT WAITING FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT, EVEN IF FARC DOES NOT DEMAND THIS.

2. WE WILL BE SENDING LIST OF POSSIBLE LOCAL INTERMEDIARIES BY SEPTTEL. HOWEVER, AS THAT MESSAGE WILL INDICATE, WE THINK IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR INTERMEDIARY TO COME FROM OUTSIDE COLOMBIA BECAUSE SUCH
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A PERSON WOULD LIKELY HAVE GREATER FREEDOM OF ACTION. MOREOVER, PERCEIVED PERSONAL RISKS VIS-A-VIS FARC AND GOC COULD MAKE IT QUITE DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT A LOCAL INTERMEDIARY, AND WITHOUT ACTUALLY MAKING AN APPROACH WE CAN NOT BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT ANYONE ON OUR LIST WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE.
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